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**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Application Number:	08/911,824
Filing Date:	August 15, 1997
First Named Inventor:	John R. Hackett, Jr., et al.
Group Art Unit:	1642
Examiner Name:	Myron G. Hill
Attorney Docket No.	ABB1207P0660US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously-filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on.
    - ii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed:
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 02/23/2004 JADD01 00000065 08911824
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
    - iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous.** Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of:
  - a. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees.** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Small Entity						Large Entity	
For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee					\$385.00		\$770.00
Total Claims	2	77	0	x \$9.00	\$	x \$18.00	\$
Indep. Claims	2	5	0	x \$43.00	\$	x \$86.00	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$145.00	\$	+ \$290.00	\$
				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$770.00

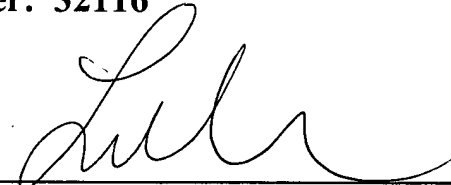
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.
- i. ☐ RCE filing fee  
☐ Extension of time fee  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: February 17, 2004

Attorney's Signature



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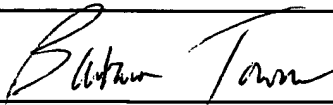
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I hereby certify that this Request For Continued Examination Transmittal and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited in an envelope with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail on the date indicated below and addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

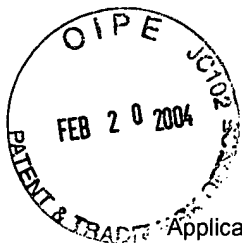
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Signature:



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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: John R. Hackett, Jr., *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1642

Serial No.: 08/911,824

Filed: August 15, 1997

For: NOVEL ANTIGEN CONSTRUCTS USEFUL  
IN THE DETECTION AND DIFFERENTIATION OF  
ANTIBODIES TO HIV

Attorney Docket No.: 6165.US.01

Examiner: Myron G. Hill

**Certificate of Mailing:**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being sent by first class mail to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 17, 2004.

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2003 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 22, 2003. Enclosed is a Request for a Continued Examination. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 23-0785 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.